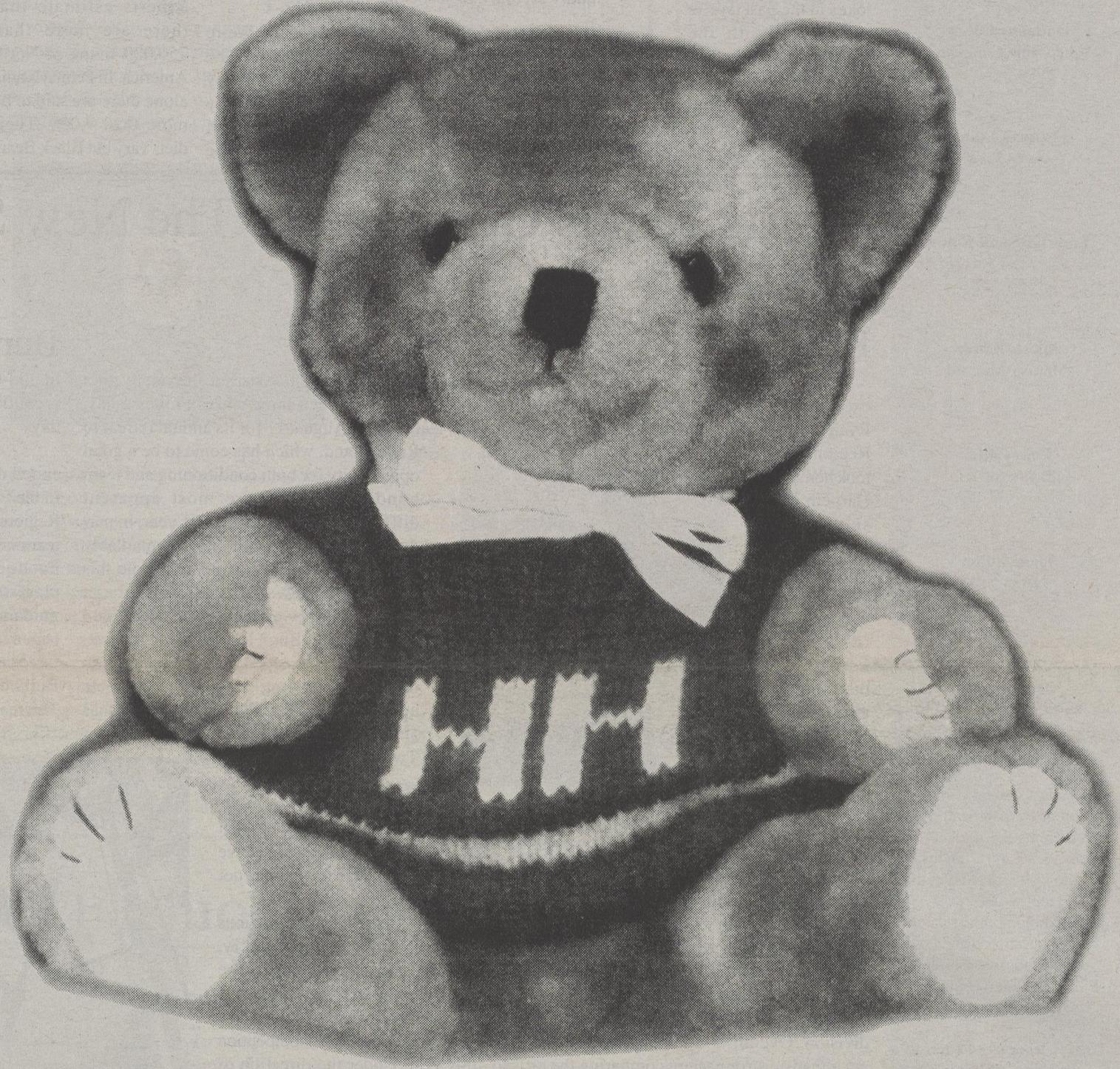


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Everyone is talking about the Harpeth Acre Woods, the temporary home for the Honeycubs until the new Daugh W. Smith building is completed. Here's a quick look at the modular village in numbers:

The Honeybear: The Beast Within

Anna Poss ('05)

Features Editor

Shakespeare said it best: "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." This phrase describes Harpeth Hall and our mascot, the Honey Bear. Many students have complained about the name and competitors from other schools have not hesitated to crack jokes in the past. We're associated with the stereotypical honey been to a Harpeth Hall bear; we're seen as meek, mild, and completely innocent creatures.



Nancy Sisk ('04)

Cuddly creature or ferocious predator?

If you've ever been to a Harpeth Hall athletic event or any type of competition you know that this is not the case. We're aggressive and we

fight for what we want. We're protective of our "turf." The same is true of actual honey bears. "Honey Bear" is actually a nickname for the Black Bear, or the Ursus Americanus. The

average Black Bear are known for their appetites for honey. The Black Bear's search for this sweet delicacy costs an average of several thousand dollars' worth of damage to apiaries (places where bees are housed and raised for honey) every year. You'd have to be tough to be stung by bees that many times!

There are eighteen known species of the Black Bear and experts estimate that there are more than 750,000 living in North America. In Pennsylvania alone there are said to be more than 7,000. Their diets vary but Black Bears

Our biology lesson today: Honey Bears are mean. They're tough and they're fighters. So the next time someone puts down the honey bear name, tell them you're proud to be one.

Sports Teams Gear Up For The New Season

Melissa McCord ('05)

Sports Editor

Kick it Up

The 2002 soccer season ended on an exceptionally high note. The team defeated Father Ryan to win the City Championship, placed 3rd in Regionals, and took home from Harpeth Hall's second-ever appearance at Finely Stadium (the first time was in 1999) the State Runner-Up title. The soccer team, ranked #8 in the state, is determined to return to State and fight for the title under the leadership



Nancy Sisk ('04)

The soccer team jumps hurdles to prepare for the season.

July 28, and before practice started, the varsity girls were running between three and six miles a day. The team left on August 11 for its annual retreat to

Rock Island, which has come to be a good opportunity for both conditioning and team bonding. One of the most apparent difficulties the team faces this year, in part due to its no-trials motto, is its remarkably large size. "We have so many people this year that I hope we can come together as a team and have everyone feel included," said senior Jennifer Burn. In response to the size, Coach Russ developed smaller teams within the team, allowing the girls to compete against each other. The varsity team has already won the Memphis Twilight meet and is

Fore!

working towards a 4-peat at State. Burn said "I have never been on a team that has not won State."

The golf team's previous season ended successfully, sending two girls to State. The 2003 team is striving to improve its game all around and place more girls in the State Competition this year. Under the direction of Coach Leah Holland and two seasoned seniors, the golf team has a good chance of fulfilling its goals. Tryouts were held on August 1, and practice began shortly thereafter. Thus far they

have played two matches, resulting in a JV win and a varsity loss both against St. Cecilia Academy, a longtime rival. The team's primary goal this season is to be viewed as an intimidating threat in the eyes of its competitors. "We're really coming together as a great team... we want everyone in the golfing community to take us seriously," said junior Mary Lindley Carswell. The team eagerly awaits regionals

Bump, Set, Spike

in mid-October to reach its goal and is confident about its chances on that day.

The 2002 volleyball season ended on a high note with a victory in the Father Ryan Invitational and a Regional Runner-Up title. This year's team not only aspires to reach State, but to do so without any senior players. The 2003 team is under the guidance of Eva Lea. The season began on July 28 and started out with three rough weeks of two-a-days in Bullard Gym, pre-air-conditioning. The team participated in a three-day

camp at Brentwood High and in the "Brentwood Blast," which is a series of scrimmages. They've played two matches so far, winning 3-0 over St. Cecilia and 3-2 over USN. The team is adamant not to let this season turn into a building year or let the absence of seniors become an excuse not to

work hard and win games. "A bunch of the sophomores and freshmen have stepped up, and I really like having it this way because there's no assigned leader on the team. We're all out there working together," said junior player Maddie Martin

Cross the Country

Last year's cross-country team closed out the year with a Regional Championship win, its 3rd consecutive State title, and placed seven runners in the top 15 spots. This year's team, led by Susan Russ and seven eager seniors, is determined to return to State in order to earn themselves a 4-peat. The team has been practicing since the opening of the season on

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Nancy Sisk ('04)

Stefanie Holland ('05) shows that the will to win cannot be beat even in the new weight room.

Modular Village in Numbers

Claire Berry ('05)
Assistant News Editor

211 Students in the modular village

13 Number of portables in the complex: 8 classrooms, 4 labs, and 1 administrative office.

13 Number of bathrooms in the village.

3.5 Number of months needed to complete the construction of the village

\$15,000 Cost per month to rent the portables.

\$9.5 million

In donated funds, the total cost of construction and operation of the village, which is equipped with roads, lighting, water lines, sewer lines, telephones, security alarms, and a computer network. Some of that money goes toward the completion of the makeshift cafeteria in the Wallace Wing and the temporary kitchen in the arts building.

Love 'em or Leave 'em: Sweater Vests

Taylor Sitzler ('05)
Copy Editor

I think that most will agree that as Honeybees we have the Scarabs over at St. Cecilia beat on almost every front. They do, however, have something on us; many St. Cecilia students find joy in their sweater vests. Last school year was filled with debate and discussion concerning the uniform. Will ankle socks ever be in the uniform? Will the administration OK Birkenstock clogs? Are slip-on tennis shoes acceptable? Finally, how does the student body feel about the sweater vest?

I, for one, feel that the sweater vest is an extremely worthwhile addition to the uniform. Allow me to explain why: The sweater-vest completes our school-girl look. All that would be missing would be the tie. Why not go the extra mile? Second of all, how many times have you woken up in the morning, dragged yourself from the comfort of your bed or the warmth of your shower and found yourself cold enough to be inclined to put on a sweatshirt, completely disregarding the fact that it will be 92 degrees outside by the time D period rolls around and probably 80 degrees in the English hall? Pushing up the sleeves of your sweatshirt will eventually become cumbersome, and your teacher will probably give you demerits if you disrupt her lecture *one more time* by struggling to pull your sweatshirt on, then off, then on, then off...and so on. Enter the sweater vest: warm enough to keep you from freezing on mornings when your mom decides to make the house an igloo, but without the long sleeves. I know we already have a fleece vest, but I'm pretty sure people wear it about as often as they do our fashionable elastic-waist khaki pants.

For those of you who are still skeptical about the attractiveness or usefulness of the sweater vest, I leave you with another option: don't wear it. I don't foresee the sweater vest becoming a dress-uniform staple anytime soon. You would be free to wear your sweatshirts with rolled-up sleeves and secretly laugh at sweater vests when you pass us in the hallway.



Photo illustration by S. Compton

Stephanie Compton ('04)
Opinions Editor

When I first heard that Harpeth Hall would be adding the sweater vest into the uniform, my only reaction was, "Why?" Was it not only last year that there was discussion about there being too much variety in the uniform with the plethora of sweatshirts from which to choose? Therefore the solution is to add another option to the uniform? I missed the part where that makes sense.

I foresee that if this whole sweater vest fad catches on, eventually there will be no need for all the different outerwear that is currently available to the students. Slowly, students will see the subtle phasing out of their favorite hoodies promoting their clubs of choice. Obviously this is a subtle attempt to create more uniformity in our uniform.

When the question of adding Birkenstocks into the dress code was raised, many supported the argument with, "Father Ryan has them as part of their uniform." There is one flaming flaw in this statement: Since when do we copy what Father Ryan does? Likewise, students have claimed, "St. Cecilia has sweater vests, and they are cute!" My answer: Now we are conforming to standards set by a school whose school mascot is the ferocious ladybug?

Truthfully, the purpose of the uniform is not to look cute. When was the last time a Harpeth Hall girl actually wanted to look cute for school? If you wear a sweater vest, suddenly there is pressure to brush your hair, apply makeup, and appear as though you actually looked in the mirror that morning.

Inevitably with the sweater vest come the neckties. There is no denying that Harpeth Hall would force students to button those top buttons on dress uniform shirts when wearing a tie.

The choice is yours. If you want to change the way the uniform looks forever, go ahead and wear that sweater vest. When those lady scarabs say, "Harpeth Hall copied us," don't claim I did not warn you.

Fashion Column

A Passion for Fashion: Summer

Hillary Prim ('04)
Staff Writer

Although students at Harpeth Hall have officially and unfortunately ended their summer breaks with the beginning of the academic school year, the season of hot weather and even hotter colors does not technically come to a close until September 22. On that note, several more weeks of summer trends can be enjoyed until a change of fashion comes with the beginning of fall.

This summer, designers have focused on the fun, lighthearted aspects of the season to create their collections. The oh-so-ancient art of monogramming has made a comeback among this summer's fashions as shoes, tank tops, and hoodies are being embroidered with single initials and full names alike. Modeled earlier in the summer by celebs such as Cameron Diaz, these pieces are moving from ultra-exclusive to attainable in stores like Arden B. Catch them while they're hot!

As you may have noticed, hair accessories are no longer just for little girls. Colorful ribbons and bows have been popping up as enhancements on sundresses, straps on tank tops, and decorations on the waistlines of basic black skirts on couture pieces by designers such as Marc Jacobs, and on more affordable boutique buys alike.



There's good news with this next trend. Even if you're not tennis pro, you can still look like one! Pleated tennis skirts, preferably worn short in summer hues like pink and white, have been the hot look for young women all season. Ruffled dresses and skirts have been equally

popular, with designers such as Jill Stuart and Donna Karen displaying their newest pieces on the red carpet. Cropped cargo pants, created in luxurious fabrics such as silk and satin, have been perfect for the day to night transition. Pair them with stilettos to pull off the look.

Even though the end of summer is creeping closer and closer, don't put away that white just yet! It's true—white is becoming acceptable; in fact, it's quite popular when worn in the fall and winter months, and this upcoming season looks to be no exception. As fall approaches look out for tweed, tall boots, faux fur, and cropped, skinny pants to be the most popular trends of the new season. And remember those adorable white Takashi Murakami Louis Vuitton bags? They're back for fall, this time in black. (Sources: Instyle.com, Vogue.com)

World News:

Bizarre Newsbites

Robin Steele ('04)
News Editor



PARIS—A new reality show called "36 Hours," set to air in October, is already causing controversy. French families are to eat, sleep, work, and play with their own live-in top politician. In the first episode a working class midwife in a Paris suburb will host Deputy Justice Minister Pierre Bedier, a close party ally of President Jacques Chirac. The broadcaster, TF1, has refuted criticism. "There's nothing undignified about them spending two days with a family. That's their job. You won't be seeing them in pajamas or in the bathroom," said TF1 Vice President Etienne Moussette. Other candidates for the show have not been named yet. "If it meant being away from my desk for a day and a half, no way," Interior Ministry Nicolas Sarkozy told *Le Monde*. "In any case, the number of phone lines I would have to install would be inconvenient for my hosts." ~Reuters

LONDON—Ingrid Nicholls, a black woman about to have the lower portion of her leg amputated, was offered a false white limb. Upon requesting a prosthetic limb that matched her skin tone, she was told that she would be forced to pay nearly \$5000 because the National Health Service would only cover a white limb. "It's not cosmetic," said Nicholls. "Who would want to look like a freak, having one white leg and one black one?—Nobody." ~Reuters

DUBLIN—Health Minister Micheal Martin revealed that he was considering a special tax on high-fat foods. This tax would be designed to combat Ireland's rising obesity levels. Ireland has always been known for heavy foods. Increases in the numbers of fast food restaurants and gradually more inactive lifestyles have caused a near 70 percent rise in the number of overweight people in the last decade. "Some 60 percent of our population is now either overweight or obese, and we would welcome any initiative (by the government) to tackle the problem," said Micheal O'Shea, chief executive of the Irish Heart Foundation. ~Reuters



LONDON—The BBC announced that it is making a film based on the tale of two British pigs that saved themselves by escaping from a slaughterhouse. The pigs were nicknamed Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Pig after they spent a week on the run in January 1998. The story first caught the public's attention, and the media followed suit, sending TV crews and reporters to cover the story. Helicopters flew over fields searching for the pigs. They were finally recaptured and bought by the *Daily Mail* newspaper. The two Wiltshire pigs are now a tourist attraction in an animal sanctuary. The movie based on their story will be combination live-action and computer-animation. "The film tells how the story of Butch and Sundance became a legend," said executive producer Sally Woodward. "Britain once again took the under-dog to their hearts, or in this instance, the under-pig, and in the process briefly made them the most famous fugitives in the world." ~Reuters

MURFREESBORO—City officials say one smelly employee is responsible for a new policy that requires all city employees to smell nice when reporting for work. The employee in question has a problem with hygiene, despite past counseling. The good hygiene policy is as follows: "No employee shall have an odor generally offensive to others when reporting to work. An offensive body odor may result from a lack of good hygiene, from an excessive application of a fragrant aftershave or cologne or from other cause." City Councilman Toby Gilley said of the vague standards outlined in the policy, "We'll know it when we see it. We'll know it when we smell it."

~Associated Press

The New Kids on the Block: Getting to know the new faculty

Anna Poss ('05)
Features Editor

Nancy Turner
Choral Music
What do you miss most about England?



I miss lots of things about England, but I think in daily life I miss BBC television and radio the most - there are no ads at all and the quality of the programs is usually really good. I also miss lots of friends back there.

If you could be any character in any play, movie, etc., who would you be? Oh, I'd like to be the Bond girl in the next James Bond film to get to know Pierce Brosnan!

What are your goals for this year? My goals are to develop four terrific choirs here at Harpeth Hall, able to perform and compete with the best anywhere.

Lisa Keen

Freshman Biology
Please tell me a little bit about your education.



I received my undergraduate degree in Biology from Belmont University where I played four years of basketball on scholarship. I received by masters in Biological Sciences from Vanderbilt in 2001. What are your goals for this year?

To help my freshmen learn to organize better. To encourage freshmen to be thinkers....not just sponges (only worried about absorbing information, not using it).

If you could be any character from any play, movie, book, etc., who would you be? Mary Poppins (one of my favorite movies). Fun, loving, funny, smart, stern...but fair.

Emily Cummings

Latin
What is it like to be back in your high school?



It's good. A little weird. Most of the teachers I had are still here. But even though it's been weird, it's been fun so far.

Tell me a little bit about your education. I was here for seven years (I came in sixth grade), and then went to UVA where I got a degree in classics.

If you could be any character from any movie, play, book, etc., who would you be?

I think I'd be Elizabeth Bennett from Pride and Prejudice. I mean, she gets to marry Colin Firth in the end!)

Movies: A look back at this summer's hits and misses

Perry Del Favero ('05)
Entertainment Editor

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Pirates of the Caribbean

This pirate movie, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, and Keira Knightley, was one of the summer's biggest hits. Moviegoers laughed, cheered, and wished a long and painful death on Keira (who, in case you didn't notice, was on a ship with Johnny and Orlando). Johnny Depp's performance as an off-beat pirate inspired by Keith Richards cannot be missed.

Finding Nemo

Whoever thinks that cartoons are just for kids is definitely missing out. Besides, this touching (really!) tale about a young fish isn't just a cartoon, it's the latest creation by Pixar, the creators of *Toy Story* and *Monsters, Inc.*. Plot aside, critics also raved about the incredible ocean visuals

Seabiscuit

This inspiring movie, based on the best-selling novel about a racehorse in the 1930s, makes a fine family movie but also comes up short. Critics said it was corny and predictable; in other words, a little too inspirational. However, Tobey Maguire definitely proves that he can do more than just swing around in spandex. Overall, this is a feel-good movie that will motivate you to persevere.

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
Isn't it great when we get a fun movie that critics don't dismiss as meaningless fluff? So it was with this second installment of *Charlie's Angels*, which was undeniably better, faster, and hotter than the first. Veteran actress Demi Moore also comes out of hiding to join the cast, and, at age 40, holds her own against Cameron in a bikini.

The Hulk

The jury's out on this flick, which continues the Hollywood trend of converting comic books into movies. While some praised its computer graphics, others focused on its weak plot and character development. One thing they can agree on: the computer-animation idea was gutsy, and the results were pretty impressive.

NOT

Gigli

Despite the Ben and J.Lo hype, *Gigli* was met with scathing reviews reserved only for ridiculously bad movies (*Glitter*, *Swept Away*, etc.). To sum up some of the critics' better reviews, *Gigli* was an unpronounceable, awkward, shapeless, choppy train wreck. *Ouch*. Stay tuned to see if "Bennifer" can stick together after this box-office bomb.

Freddy vs. Jason

This attempt to revive the movie careers of the stars of the *Halloween* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* movies barely lived up to its low expectations. Of course, fans of the originals probably enjoyed it, and there's no telling if star Kelly Rowland from *Destiny's Child* has a career in acting. One thing is for sure -this movie leaves little room to shine and a lot to desire

How to Deal

And you thought that Mandy Moore couldn't make a more dramatic movie than *A Walk to Remember*. This movie's title alone evokes nausea and tells you all you need to know about the movie; a sappy, teenagers-are-so-angsty soap opera. In short, this movie is one giant mess of mood swings that will certainly make your life seem just peachy.

The Lizzie McGuire Movie

Clearly aimed at the "tween" crowd, this movie is one you can definitely afford to miss, unless you're due for bonding time with your little sis. But if you go for movies where the main character is a squeaky clean girl who embarks on a grand adventure, be my guest. The rest of us are just relieved that the star, Hilary Duff, will no longer be invading our TV screens with her recently cancelled show of the same name.

From Justin to Kelly

The winner and runner-up of the first American Idol T.V. program, Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini, star in this embarrassingly cheesy musical, an obvious last ditch effort to cash in on their A.I. fame. Do us all a favor guys, and stick to singing.

Logos wants you!



This is our first issue of Logos for the 2003-2004 school year. Although small, this issue is only a preview of some of the articles and columns you will be seeing in issues to come. To make the next issue bigger and better, we need your help! Because our theme for the year is *inclusion*, we want everyone's voice represented. Watch the daily announcements for more info on the next article assignment meeting.

School shopping: Breaking the bank?

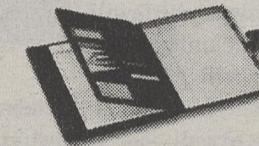
Anna Poss ('05)
Features Editor



It's that time of year again. Yup, it's time for back-to-school shopping. Forget the days when all you needed were pencils and a few sheets of paper. Now, school supply shopping can cost families several hundred dollars.

According to *The Sault Star*, Leger Marketing firm did a survey of families with elementary and high school students and found that they dished out an average of \$391 on school supplies and \$707 on clothes.

At Harpeth Hall we don't have to worry about fashionable school clothes, but we are saddled with a few unconventional costs at the beginning of the year. For example, we have to buy our own books, which is something most schools don't do. Harpeth Hall is the only school in Nashville that requires students



to own personal laptops. In addition to all of these things the latest trends in school supplies can be pretty pricey. Blank compact discs, glitter and glue pens, and electronic personal organizers are all this year's top back-to-school buys.

Here are the projected costs for an average Harpeth Hall student's needs, not including meal plans or other fees. Although there are no reported cases of someone claiming bankruptcy from school supply shopping, it is evident that new trends are causing prices to rise steadily. What's next? We're predicting metallic Sharpies and roll-up crayons.



NEW STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

12 Month Student Planner: \$11.19
Glue Stick: \$2.69
TI-86 Graphic Calculator: \$109.99
4 Avery Hi-Liters: \$3.66
Mead Five Star Notebook: \$6.78
1" 3-Ring Binder: \$1.98
Graph Paper: \$2.99
Pencil Pouch: \$2.74
12 #2 Pencils: \$1.58
12 BIC Ball-Point Pens: \$3.71
8 Crayola Markers: \$3.69
24 Crayola Colored Pencils: \$5.62
Electronic Organizer: \$19.92
Protractor: \$0.69
Dividers: \$1.18
Laptop: \$1800 + sales tax
Textbooks: \$300-\$400

Total Cost: \$2275.29-\$2375.29

